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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 03495.0202

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )

Gouzel KARIMOVA et al. )

) Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

Serial No.: 09/818,939 )

) Examiner: Not Assigned

Filed: March 28, 2001 )

For: IMPROVEMENTS TO A  
BACTERIAL TWO-HYBRID  
SYSTEM FOR PROTEIN-  
PROTEIN INTERACTION  
SCREENING, NEW STRAINS  
FOR USE THEREIN, AND THEIR  
APPLICATIONS )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 5, line 6. after "NewSfi" insert--[SEQ ID No.6]--

On page 5, line 7, after "NewSfi" insert--[SEQ ID No.7]--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-49 and add claims 50-95.

--50. A signal amplification system comprising a bacterial multi-hybrid system of  
at least two chimeric polypeptides containing :



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